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School Age.

Now that the time for opening the fall terms of school is approaching, the school boards in the various districts should see to it that no child is permitted to attend school that is not of school age.

The Oklahoma law says that children between the ages of 6 and 21 may attend school in their home districts without paying any tuition. And the state school fund is divided among the different districts according to the number of pupils between those ages.

At Hollis the school board is advertising in the paper that children under six years of age who will become six during the school term, may enter school at the beginning by paying \$1.50 per month tuition till they are six years old.

But even this is not right, as very few children are educated on \$1.50 per month, and the teacher's time belongs to those pupils of school age and should be devoted to them and not to entertaining children not old enough to go to school.

During eight years that the writer taught in the country and as principal of graded schools, he never permitted one child under six years old to attend. Some teachers urge those under six to attend in order to make a reputation for themselves, not considering the injury done to the child, and that the teacher's time belongs to the children of school age.

Some may wonder where the injury comes as a child under six years seems to learn very readily. But watch that same child and before it is 14 years old it will be behind its classes, not able to make its grades from year to year, become discouraged and quit school.

Once at a teacher's institute the writer asked Dr. Krohn, instructor in psychology in the State University of Illinois, at what age he would start a child to school. He replied, "If any one's else child, 8 years, if my own child, 10 years."

If a child has parents that will compel it to go to school all the time starting at ten years, it will know more by the age of 16 than the child that starts at five years. It is not what they learn the first few years, but what they know when they quit.

The writer has one boy that will be six years old Jan. 1, 1914 and he might get three months of school this fall by starting when school opens, but he shall not go to school a single day before he is six and more likely not till the fall of 1914.

We once had a boy start to school at 13, whose eyes had been poor so he could not attend, and in one year he caught up with those of his age. But he worked and did not put his time in on a lot of foolishness.

The writer was started to school at 5 years and a younger sister at 8 years. When she was 13 and I was 18, we were in

the same classes.

Autumnal Equinox.

Next Sunday, Sept. 21, is the date of the autumnal equinox, when the sun crosses the equator, days and nights are the same length and the astronomical dividing line between summer and fall. On that date the sun is directly over the equator, so that a person standing on the equator will have no shadow at noon, except under himself.

While astronomers have set the change from summer to fall to take place on Sept. 21 the weather man got busy this year and made the change about nine days earlier, or on Sept. 12, when the mercury dropped about 50 degrees and has been cool since.

Why Not Open Reserve?

The writer is informed that one of our citizens has received a letter recently from Congressman Scott Ferris in which he states that if any one wishes any of the reservation opened for settlement that a petition should be circulated to that effect and sent in and he will use his influence to get it open. There is nothing that would do Elgin more good than the opening of the north end of this reservation, so let our people get busy at once.

During the past week inquiries have been made at the Bank of Elgin for Farms for Sale and also for Farms for Rent. Any person having a farm to sell or rent will do well to list it with the bank. It will do all the advertising free of charge and the owner will have no expense unless the farm is sold or rented.

County News.

The government has decided to build an Indian hospital at the Indian boarding school near Lawton, to be 154 by 43 feet in size.

The Fletcher public schools opened September 1 with an enrollment of 232 the first day. The district takes in a large country territory.

The town board at Fletcher has passed an ordinance prohibiting fast riding or driving of horses, automobiles and motor cycles within the corporate limits.

S. I. McElhoes, one of the best lawyers in this county, has been appointed assistant attorney general for Oklahoma, and is moving to Oklahoma City this week.

J. A. Venable, deputy county treasurer under Joe L. Porter, died of typhoid fever in a hospital at El Reno last week. The body was taken to Missouri for burial.

Private parties have subscribed enough funds to pay the expenses of a Comanche County exhibit at the state fair. Some of exhibits were selected from the Sterling fair last week.

Frank Miller, manager of the Kress store in Lawton, has been transferred to a similar position in Wichita, Kan. L. S. St. John of San Antonio, Texas, succeeds him in the Lawton store.

Prof. A. E. Mushrush, for four years principal of the Fletcher schools, has secured a position as head of the commercial department of Hill's Business College at Oklahoma City.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Richards township last week, the board decided to pay half for the grading of the two miles of road just west of Fletcher, the other half to be raised by donation.

The city commissioners of Lawton have purchased a compressed air street sprinkler for \$1000. This does away with the old form of sprinkling with a wagon, the water being forced out by compressed air.

Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs, has given out a decision that Indian allotments of Kiowa, Apache and Comanche Indians may be leased for oil purposes, which means a great deal for the oil business in this county.

List your farms for sale or rent with the Bank of Elgin. No charges unless sold or rented.

New Fixtures.

The office of District Clerk R. B. Compton is being fixed up in first class shape since the recent fire. New casing has been put on all the doors and windows, new counters and other fixtures installed, and a force of hands busy copying the records into new books, giving everything a neat appearance.

Five To One.

The stork beat the mortuary list five to one during August, in Comanche County, there being 35 births and 7 deaths, according to the report filed by Dr. D. A. Myers, county superintendent of health.

Hunting Season Open.

Monday morning of this week the hunting season for ducks, snipe, plover and kindred fowls opened and the sporting public can now take a shot at these birds without any risk.

Dates.

47th Nat. Enc. G. A. R. Chattanooga, Tenn. Sept. 15-20.

Revival meeting Elgin M. E. church begins Sept. 28.

County Fair, Anadarko, Sept. 15-17.

State Fair, Oklahoma City, Sept. 23-Oct. 4.

Miller Bros., 101 Ranch Wild West Show, Lawton, Oct. 3.

Elgin schools open Oct. 6.

Apache Street Fair and Carnival, Oct. 8-11.

Peanut Carnival, Duncan, Oct. 16-18.

Ringling Bros. Circus, Lawton, Oct. 17.

International Dry Farming Congress, Tulsa, Oct. 27-31.

State Poultry show, Enid, Jan. 26-31.

Had another good rain Tuesday night and ground is fine now for plowing.

See that your fire insurance policy has not expired and don't risk these dry times without insurance.

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DAILY DIET HINTS

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The cannibal believes that by eating his enemy he gains the enemy's strength. Civilized man believes that meat contains more strength than vegetable foods. But the one idea is no more scientific than the other. The ordinary motorman probably eats more than Edison, but Edison's faculties have had different training, largely hereditary. If Edison were to eat like the motorman, he would not accomplish as much as he does. Mr. Edison thinks the average man eats too much. A dozen times I have demonstrated that a man with the right mental attitude has more strength ordinarily on the fourth day of a fast than before he began fasting. The toxic effects of work and worry are dispelled by sleep. Food is the necessary normal stimulus which provides for the expenditure of energy stored up in a dynamo—for heating, for power, for friction—and material for rebuilding the machine. Excessive or improper food wastes vitality, shortens life, induces auto-intoxication, the essential condition in all diseases.

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MISSIVES FROM MISTLETOE

Bill and John McCraw visited their aunt near Marlow Saturday. Uncle Tom Richardson built a good bridge near Claud Myers' place last week.

Wolves captured and conglomerated nine fine turkeys for J. T. McCraw last week.

Julius Golden is finishing a beautiful three-room house on his Indian lease this week.

Mrs. Bowman has her new house about finished, and it adds greatly to the appearance of her valuable farm.

Mrs. Myers, our neighbor who was reclaimed during the revival here, joined the Baptist church at Elgin Saturday.

Howard Bailey of Rush Springs and Miss Mable Lee of Marlow visited her sister, Mrs. A. B. Sperling over Sunday.

These recent rains have added much value to late cotton and feed stuff, and everybody feels better from the cooling of the atmosphere.

John Montgomery says he is contemplating crossing over from his state of celibacy into the land of matrimony if he can

Elgin Buyers paid 13 cents for cotton Wednesday.

Church Services

METHODIST
Preaching morning and night fourth and every fifth Sunday in the month. Sunday school every Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

BAPTIST
Preaching morning and night on the first Sundays of the month. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Y. P. U. every Sunday night. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

Railroad Time Table



EAST BOUND
No. 408 leaves..... 6:58 a. m.
No. 10 leaves..... 11:10 a. m.
WEST BOUND
No. 9 leaves..... 1:58 p. m.
No. 407 leaves..... 9:15 p. m.

find a Ford available. Some apocryphal, pseudo sycophant prognosticated that Jupiter Pluvius had deserted Comanche County, but we are forced to conclude otherwise.

Jim Dotson, who has been sojourning in Kentucky for the past month, returned home last week, and reports everything in a very dry condition there.

Millard Richardson is back home again minus his appendix but in better condition than when he left for Oklahoma City to have his anatomy "looked into."

Miss Sarah Ford, who had her sponsorial and patronymic appellation amputated and altered to that of Mrs. Cox, and her "better half", Mr. Charlie Cox, have set up their conjugal habitat at the home of Mr. John Underwood.

Mistletoe school house is nearing completion, and this community may well be proud of its handsome and imposing structure. Being erected by the "best and swiftest carpenters to be had, it is to be the most beautiful house in these parts.

The Architect of this Department leaves for Baylor University, Waco, Texas, Saturday, Sept. 20, so this will be the last, the climax, the catastrophe, the end, the close, the finale, the finish, the inevitable, impeccable, uncontrollable, premeditated finish of the inimitable, unperishable, nondestructible "Missives from Mistletoe"—unless some other scribe of more worthy attainments and inexhaustible nomenclature takes up the good work.

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